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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2019-0005]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection Request

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **Supplementary Information**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID 2019-0005 by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Kevin. O’Grady 202-366-2030 or Arnold Feldman, 202-366-2028, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: An Analysis of the Use of Waiver Valuations by Federal, State and Local Public Agencies (LPAs): Identifying and Measuring Outcomes That Could Further Streamline Project Delivery.

Background: Waiver valuation is a key component of the “Right-of-Way Flexibilities” that were an FHWA Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative. This research will provide a detailed analysis of the current state of the waiver valuation program nationwide. It will identify issues, practices, or misinformation/misunderstanding that limit the implementation of the waiver valuation program and reduce its ability to streamline processes. The research will document the steps that are taken to improve implementation of waivers and enhance savings of administrative costs. The research also will identify additional opportunities for improving the existing processes/practices for waiver valuations that can provide significant savings in time and money and provide greater flexibility to acquiring agencies in delivery of their overall right-of-way acquisition program.

Respondents: Each of the 52 state DOT’s (for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) will be asked to respond to a written questionnaire. A subset of the state DOT’s will be asked to participate in follow-up interviews.

Frequency: One-time survey.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 2 hours per survey response and 1 hour per interview.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 120 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection,

including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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